

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2005.

By this Amendment, claims 1-3 and 5 have been amended to define the claimed method to be a “*computer implemented*” method to overcome the Examiner’s rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101. Support for the claim amendments can be found throughout the specification and the original claims, see, for example, page 8, paragraph [0022], of the specification. Thus, claims 1-3 and 5 are pending in this application.

In view of these amendments, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

However, in the interest of expediting the allowance of the present application, Applicant has amended claims 1-3 and 5 to define the claimed method to be a “*computer implemented*” method as per the Examiner’s suggestion.


Thus, in view of the amendments to the claims, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, all of the claims now pending in the present application are believed to be clearly patentable over the outstanding rejections. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the claims in light of the above remarks is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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